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(*f*) In all cases which were brought to the notice of Government they held that retrospective effect should not be given to the orders granting exemption and that service for purposes of increment should count only from the date of exemption. Where, however, in consequence of increments having been drawn unauthorizedly a clerk was drawing more pay than he was entitled to, the recovery of any sum overdrawn in the past has been waived by the Government and the clerk permitted to remain on his present rate of pay; but he is not eligible for another increment until it is due calculating increments from the date of exemption.

(*g*) & (*h*) The Government are not aware of the cases to which the hon. Member refers unless it be that he refers to cases coming under the second sentence of paragraph 3 (v) of G.O. No. 773, Law (Education), dated 3rd May 1926.

(*i*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to paragraph 3 (v) of G.O. No. 773, Law (Education), dated 3rd May 1926.

(*j*), (*k*) & (*l*) The Government have no information immediately available.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" With reference to the answer to clause (*a*), 'through a misunderstanding of the orders in G.O. No. 164, Law (Education), dated 4th February 1925', I want to enquire, Sir, whether the orders were clear enough as not to be misunderstood ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" Quite so, Sir, they were."

Revision of the Government Order regarding minimum qualifications for public service.

*516 *Q.*—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received memorials requesting them to alter the recent order relating to the minimum marks to be obtained in the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate examination for being eligible for permanent Government appointments ; and if so, how many, and from what departments ;

(*b*) whether the order referred to above has affected a large number of acting clerks, and if so, how many in each department ; and

(*c*) whether the Government are considering the desirability of changing the order, and if so, when the revising order may be expected, and to what effect ?

A.—(*a*) Memorials were received by the Government for the amendment of G.O. No. 965, Public, dated 16th November 1926, from officers under six departments. Statistics as regards the number of memorials are not available.

(*b*) The Government have no particulars as to the numbers of acting clerks affected in each department.

(*c*) The question is under consideration whether the standard recognized by the University as qualifying for a college course should also be recognized by the Government as an alternative qualification for Government service. It is not possible to say whether a revising order will issue.

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Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—" Following up the question I was asking, Sir, whether Government at present do not know that passing commercial subjects makes a man eligible for future study although they have not been included in the Government Order, may I know whether the reconsideration would not include the whole question of commercial subjects also."

The hon. Mr. N. E. Marjoribanks :—" If proficiency in commercial subjects makes a man eligible for University course and if the University course is in future accepted as a qualification for Government service it would seem to follow that the hon. Member is correct. I do not know if it is so."

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—" May I know whether there is an understanding that the whole question will be considered ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. Marjoribanks :—" The only question is eligibility for the University course."

Village Establishments

Restoration of village officers.

* 517 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the number of assistant karnams, assistant reddis, vettis and talaiyaris was before villages were grouped together ;

(*b*) how many of them were dispensed with at the grouping ;

(*c*) how many of them have been reinstated under the Village Officers Restoration Act ; and

(*d*) if all those that were dispensed with at the grouping of villages have not been reinstated, what the reasons are that have led to such action ?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is referred to the Civil Budget Estimates for 1921–22 which have been published.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) The Government have not the particulars asked for but have called for a full statement of details as to the result of the measures taken in each district. When that is received the necessary information will be laid on the table.

Jails

Introduction of hand-spinning and hand-loom weaving in prisons.

* 518 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue and the hon. the Home Member be pleased to refer to the debate in this House on 28th March 1927 on the Demand for Supplementary Grant XXXIII and to state—

(*a*) whether any and if so what steps have been taken to introduce hand-spinning as well as hand-loom weaving in the prisons ;

(*b*) whether any orders have been issued with a view to encourage hand-woven cloth out of hand-spun yarn by directing its use for uniforms for peons, ordinary police, abkari police and forest beat guards and so on ;